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**From:** Gutro, Doug  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:49 PM  
**To:** Jim OBrien  
**Subject:** Re: Nature Conservancy

Jim

Pleasure meeting you as well. Absolutely we can set a meeting  
I'm copying Jane Lindsay, Alex's executive assistant who can work with you on scheduling .

Doug Gutro  
Public affairs director  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2018, at 5:29 PM, Jim OBrien <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Doug –

I enjoyed meeting you and Alexandra Dunn today in Manchester at the event with Administrator Pruitt. I wanted to follow up on that conversation and start by sharing my contact information with you. I am also very interested in setting up a time for TNC staff to meet with Ms. Dunn in Boston, discuss shared priorities and see how we can work together. The Nature Conservancy works in all 50 states, including robust programs in each of the New England states. Our work in New England is diverse – focusing on Marine and Fisheries, Freshwater, Land Protection, Energy and Urban Conservation programs. We are science based and solution focused.

Relevant to NH, we do a lot of conservation work in the Great Bay Watershed, including land protection, culvert (tidal) assessments, and oyster reef restoration. I serve on the Management Committee for the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (NEP), and water quality in the estuary is an ongoing challenge. I am aware of the administrative issues surrounding the NPDES permits - both from the municipal point of view, as well as from DES. We don't have a particular dog in this discussion, but are interested in learning more about the pros and cons and requirements associated with transfer of the permitting responsibility to the state.

Please let me know what a good next step to move forward with a meeting. Happy to discuss further over the phone at your convenience.

Thanks. Hope to talk soon.

Jim

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